

COUNCIL BRIEFS

December 30, 2016

Post-Holiday Cardboard and Box Drop-off, Saturday, December 31: For residents with more post-holiday cardboard and boxes than will fit in their recycling barrel, the Town of West Hartford is offering a special holiday box and cardboard drop-off on Saturday, Dec. 31, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the University of Connecticut Greater Hartford Campus parking lot on Trout Brook Road. This special program is available to West Hartford residents *only*.

The Department of Public Works encourages residents to drop-off extra holiday cardboard and boxes to support the Town's ongoing effort to reduce waste and promote recycling.

Follow these guidelines:

- Breakdown/flatten or collapse boxes
- Cardboard needs to be clean to recycle
- Remove all non-cardboard material (Styrofoam, wrapping paper, packing material and plastic) prior to drop off.

In the event of a major snow storm, the Cardboard and Box Drop-off will be held on Saturday, January 7, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Elmwood Senior Center makes the holidays brighter for children in need: In an effort to give back to the community, the Elmwood Senior Center conducted a month-long Toys for Tots toy drive in conjunction with U.S. Marines Corps. Thanks to the generosity of the community, 415 new, unwrapped toys were collected for children in need.

West Hartford Library seeks proposals for inaugural How-To Festival: On March 25th at the main library, an estimated forty local experts, enthusiasts, hobbyists, and professionals will each have up to 20 minutes to introduce a topic, provide instruction, or give a demonstration, to a rotating audience. The most interesting, original proposals will be accepted. Deadline for submission is Jan. 15. How-To proposals for this all-volunteer event can be submitted at <http://bit.ly/howto25march>.

Christmas Tree collection begins January 3: The annual Christmas tree collection will begin on Tuesday, January 3rd. Residents in the Monday and Tuesday refuse collection areas should have their trees at the curb by 6:00 AM. Residents do not have to wait for their trash day to put their trees out. The Town will be making a sweep through the town twice. The collection will end on Friday, January 13, 2017.

WHPD holds training classes for businesses: The police department's Community Relations Division hosted two, one-hour training classes for Park Road business owners and managers on Thursday December 22. Discussion topics included handling unruly customers, fraud, thefts, trespassing issues, town ordinances, and safety audits. Attendees had an opportunity to meet with officers and discuss additional issues.

Drought Advisory: Conserve Water! As a result of the lack of beneficial rainfall, the Metropolitan District's (MDC) drinking water reservoir stands at approximately 75% of capacity, which equates to about 500 days of supply, if there continues to be no rain.

The MDC asks its customers to always use water wisely and follow these basic water-saving tips everyday:

- Repair leaky toilets and fix leaky faucets
- Run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads.
- Replace old fixtures and appliances with new water efficient ones.
- Take showers instead of baths.
- Don't run faucets when you brush your teeth or shave.

Under the current Drought Advisory, there are no mandatory water use restrictions. The MDC will continue to monitor reservoir levels and will advise customers when conditions warrant any water use restrictions.

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